

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2594

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SMUGGLING OF EXPLOSIVES AND NARCOTICS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of smuggling of arms, ammunitions, explosives and narcotics etc. into the country from various countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan and Myanmar have come to the notice of the Government as reported in Metro Now dated 23.02.2008 and in Dainik Jagaran dated 16.02.2008;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases registered alongwith the quantum of these items seized during each of the last three years and in the current year as on date, item-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether any reports of smuggling of drugs and explosives by foreign nationals have come to the notice of the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, countrywise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to curb such instances of smuggling?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIK SELVI)

- (a): Yes Sir, the reports relate to smuggling of arms and seizure of explosives.
- (b): Details are given in Annexure – I.
- (c) & (d): Yes Sir, a number of foreign nationals have been arrested for involvement in trafficking of narcotics drugs. Details are given in Annexure – II.
The following steps are being taken by the Government to curb such instances of smuggling:
 - i) Effective domination of the Border by carrying out round the clock surveillance of the border patrolling and by deploying observation posts all along the International Border.
 - ii) Erection of fencing along the international border.
 - iii) Flood lighting of the border to enhance the observation.
 - iv) Construction of border Roads to facilitate border patrolling.
 - v) Introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipments.
 - vi) Upgradation of intelligence network and coordination with sister agencies under the umbrella of leading intelligence agencies meetings which are held at functional and directional level. Proper coordination is also being maintained with Army police/locals.
 - vii) Conduct of special operations along the borders.